

By: Estes

S.C.R. No. 36

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, For the past 36 years, Ken Horton has forged an
3 exceptional record of leadership in the field of Texas agriculture;
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5 WHEREAS, Mr. Horton is a veteran of the Texas National Guard
6 and an alumnus of Texas A&M University, where he completed a degree
7 in psychology and sociology in 1974; he became the campus director
8 of Coastal Bend Youth City, a facility for abused and troubled
9 children, shortly after graduation, and during his three years in
10 that post, he played an integral role in the growth of Youth City's
11 farming and 4-H programs; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1977, Mr. Horton joined the staff of the Texas
13 Pork Producers Association, and he currently serves as the group's
14 executive vice president; over the course of his work with the TPPA,
15 he has focused on building relationships with Texas pork producers
16 and organizations, relationships that have led to increased TPPA
17 membership and made the group an even stronger advocate for its
18 industry; and

19 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman has also worked extensively
20 with the National Pork Producers Council, serving on its Pork
21 Industry Transition Committee, helping to pass the national pork
22 checkoff program, and assisting statewide organizations in
23 affiliating with the NPPC; other organizations that have benefited
24 from his involvement are the Texas Agricultural Council, which he

1 chaired from 1984 to 1986, the National Pork Board, on whose Swine
2 Health Committee he has served, and the United States Animal Health
3 Association; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout his long and influential career in
5 agriculture, Mr. Horton has helped to guide the evolution of Texas
6 pork production from the diversified hog farms of the 1970s to the
7 far more specialized industry of today; his efforts have also
8 contributed crucially to the development of a number of popular and
9 successful youth programs, such as the Texas Pork Leadership Camp
10 and the Certified Texas Bred Registry program, and his continued
11 commitment to student outreach has led to increased support for 4-H
12 and FFA at both the secondary and collegiate levels; and

13 WHEREAS, Ken Horton has dedicated his professional life to
14 strengthening a vital economic pillar of the Lone Star State, and he
15 may indeed reflect with great pride on his wide-ranging
16 achievements; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
18 hereby honor Ken Horton for his contributions to Texas agriculture
19 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mr. Horton as an expression of high regard by the Texas
23 Senate and House of Representatives.